

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cheng *et al.*

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Distribution System, Method, and
Computer Program Product**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 42 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.